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SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know why the Government are not extending any help or allotting any money to the occupiers of these slums who are Harijans, in the City of Madras as also in the mofussil? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A separate question may be put."

Closure of industrial concerns in Malabar.

* 823 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many industrial concerns were closed partially or wholly in Malabar in the last one year;

(*b*) how many workers were affected; and

(*c*) what steps have been taken by the Government to get the concerns reopened?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Fourteen industrial concerns were closed in Malabar district during the period from 1st January 1953 to 31st July 1954. Except one, the rest were permanently closed.

" (*b*) 1,791.

" (*c*) As and when industrial disputes arise over the question of closure of industrial establishments, they are examined and deserving cases referred to the Industrial Tribunals. The workers thus seek relief through the Industrial Tribunals in the shape of compensation. The Government consider that they cannot compel an employer to open his factory either through judicial or executive actions, if the closure of the factory is due to bona fide causes."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Did the provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act in respect of lay-off wages, etc., apply to any of these concerns closed and if so with what result? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The provisions relating to lay-off wages, no doubt, apply to these concerns that were closed. But regarding further particulars, I would like to have notice."

Tenancy legislation for South Kanara.

* 824 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answers given to questions Nos. 48, 49 and 50 on 15th December 1953, when the Government propose to introduce the proposed tenancy legislation for South Kanara?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" No final decision has yet been reached by the Government. Meanwhile action has been taken to extend the life of the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection Act, 1954."